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## **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

I, JOSEPH QUINONES, JR., swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of RUANE, CUNNIFF & GOLDFARB LLC, as of DECEMBER 31, 2006, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

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X	(a)	Facing page.
X	<b>(</b> b)	Statement of Financial Condition.
X	(c)	Statement of Income (Loss).
X	(d)	Statement of Cash Flows.
X	(e)	Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
	<b>(f)</b>	Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
X	(g)	Computation of Net Capital.
	(h)	Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
	(i)	Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3
	(j)	A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
X	(k)	An Oath or Affirmation.
	<b>(1)</b>	A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
	(m)	A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
$\overline{\mathbf{X}}$	(n)	Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control

<sup>\*\*</sup> For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

## Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC

767 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4701 New York, New York 10153

February 9, 2007

Board of Directors
New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
c/o Data Control Section
20 Broad Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor
New York, NY 10005

## Gentlemen:

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED,** members or allied members of Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC (Member Organization) have caused an audit to be made in accordance with prescribed regulations and have arranged for the preparation of a Focus report Part III based upon such audit.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT, to the best or our knowledge and belief, the accompanying Focus Report Part III prepared as of December 31, 2006, represents a true and correct financial statement of our organization and that the Report will promptly be made available to those members and allied members whose signatures do not appear below.

Robert D. Goldfarb President

Joseph Quinohes, Jr. Treasurer/Secretary

We hereby attest that the accompanying Focus Report Part III as of December 31, 2006 has been audited by us.

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## Report of Independent Auditors

To the Member of Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of financial condition and the related statements of income, changes in member's equity, and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC at December 31, 2006, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedule I is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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February 9, 2007

## Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2006

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 204,149
Securities owned, at market value (Note 2)	1,793,895
Due from clearing broker	 43,224
Total assets	\$ 2,041,268
Liabilities and Member's Equity	
Accrued expenses	\$ 180,358
Due to Parent	 50,000
Total liabilities	 230,358
Member's equity	 1,810,910
Total liabilities and member's equity	\$ 2,041,268

## Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC Statement of Income Year Ended December 31, 2006

Revenue Commissions Net loss on investments in securities Interest and dividends Total revenue	\$	6,561,317 (23,267) 65,164 6,603,214
Expenses		
Salaries and employee benefits		2,572,225
Floor brokerage, exchange, and clearance fees		2,947,040
Communications and data processing		139,238
Occupancy		132,000
Payroll and other taxes		46,047
Other operating expenses		158,373
Total expenses		5,994,923
Income before income taxes		608,291
Income taxes (Note 3)		50,000
Net income	<u>\$</u>	558,291

## Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC Statement of Changes in Member's Equity Year Ended December 31, 2006

Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,252,619
Net income	558,291
Balance, end of year	<b>\$ 1</b> ,810,910

## Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31, 2006

Net income       \$ 558,291         Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities       23,267         Unrealized loss on securities owned       23,267         Change in assets and liabilities       33,951         Other assets       93,953         Accrued expenses       133,851         Due to Parent       2,448         Net cash provided by operating activities       845,761         Cash flows from investing activities       (750,845)         Purchase of investment securities, net       (750,845)         Net cash used in investing activities       (750,845)         Net increase in cash       94,916         Cash and cash equivalents       109,233         Ending       109,233	Cash flows from operating activities		
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Beginning	Net increase in cash	-	94,916
	Cash and cash equivalents		
Ending \$ 204,149	Beginning		109,233
	Ending	\$	204,149

# Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

## 1. Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Nature of Business**

Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC ("the Company") is a limited liability company formed on December 3, 2003, pursuant to the Laws of the State of Delaware to engage in the general business of a broker or dealer in securities, and commenced operations on January 1, 2004. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb Inc. ("the Parent"), a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

The Company operates under the provisions of Paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission and, accordingly, is exempt from the remaining provisions of that rule. Essentially, the requirements of Paragraph (k)(2)(ii) provide that the Company clear all transactions on behalf of customers on a fully disclosed basis with a clearing broker/dealer, and promptly transmit all customer funds and securities to the clearing broker/dealer. The clearing broker/dealer carries all of the accounts of the customers and maintains and preserves all related books and records as are customarily kept by the clearing broker/dealer.

## **Significant Accounting Policies**

A summary of significant accounting policies follows:

## **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash equivalents include money market instruments and other highly liquid investments. Cash equivalents are stated at cost which approximates market value.

## **Revenue Recognition**

Security transactions and the related commission revenues and expenses are recorded on a settlement date basis, generally the third business day following the transaction date. Commission income recorded on a trade date basis would not be materially different.

### Investments

Investments in securities include short-term U.S. Government obligations valued at amortized cost, investments in mutual funds valued at the funds' quoted net asset value, and investments in equity securities valued at the closing price. Therefore, the Company recognizes realized and unrealized appreciation or depreciation in income.

## **Income Taxes**

Current income taxes are provided for taxable earnings at the appropriate statutory rate applicable to such earnings.

#### **Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

## 2. Securities Owned

Securities owned at quoted market value as of December 31, 2006 are summarized as follows:

Short-term U.S. Government obligations	\$ 1,618,557
Investment in equity securities	163,187
Investment in money market funds	 12,151
	\$ 1,793,895

#### 3. Income Taxes

The Company is a single member limited liability company. As such, its taxable income is included in its Parent's taxable income. The Parent, with the consent of its stockholders, has elected to be taxed under sections of federal and state income tax law, which provide that, in lieu of corporation income taxes, the stockholders separately account for their pro rata share of the Parent's items of income, deductions, losses and credits. As a result of this election, no federal income taxes have been recognized by the Parent. The Parent is subject to New York State "S" Corporation minimum franchise tax. The Parent is also subject to New York City General Corporation income tax since S Corporation status is not recognized for purposes of this tax. The Company has been allocated its share of tax expense to the extent that the Company's income increases the Parent's state and local tax liability.

## 4. Member's Equity

#### Capital Contributions

The initial capital of the Company was \$500,000, all of which was contributed by the Parent. The Company may accept additional contributions or loans from other persons upon written consent of the Parent.

#### Withdrawals

Members may withdraw all or any part of the capital upon written consent of the Parent and if such withdrawal is in compliance with requirements of regulatory authorities. During the year ended December 31, 2006, the Parent did not withdraw any capital.

## 5. Commitments and Contingencies

In the normal course of business, the Company may enter into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties and which provide general indemnifications. The Company's maximum exposure under these agreements is unknown as this involves potential future claims against the Company. However, the Company expects the risk of loss to be remote.

### 6. Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission uniform net capital rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of a minimum amount of net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. Rule 15c3-1 also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2006, the Company had net capital of \$1,642,276 which was \$1,542,276 in excess of its required net capital of \$100,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .14 to 1 at December 31, 2006.

# Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

## 7. Related Party Transactions

Rent for office space, charges for employees' salaries and benefits, equipment usage and other administrative expenses are paid to the Parent at rates agreed.

#### 8. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance-Sheet Credit Risk

As discussed in Note 1, the Company's customers securities transactions are introduced on a fully disclosed basis with its clearing broker/dealer. The clearing broker/dealer carries all of the accounts of the customers of the Company and is responsible for custody, collection of and payment of funds, and receipt and delivery of securities relative to customer transactions. Off-balance-sheet risk exists with respect to these transactions due to the possibility that customers may be unable to fulfill their contractual commitments wherein the clearing broker/dealer may charge any losses it incurs to the Company. The Company seeks to minimize this risk through procedures designed to monitor the credit worthiness of its customers and that customer transactions are processed properly by the clearing broker/dealer. In addition, the Company maintains its cash and securities owned with the clearing broker/dealer. As a result, the Company is exposed to credit risk in the event of insolvency or other failure of the clearing broker/dealer to meet its obligations. The Company manages this risk by dealing with a major financial institution and monitoring its credit worthiness.

## Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC Computation of Aggregate Indebtedness and Net Capital Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1 December 31, 2006

December 31, 2006	Schedule I	
Total member's equity from statement of financial condition	\$ 1,810,910	
Less: Excess insurance deductible	138,000	
Net capital before haircuts on securities	1,672,910	
Haircut on securities	30,634	
Net capital	\$ 1,642,276	
Total aggregate indebtedness	\$ 230,358	
Computation of basic net capital requirement  Minimum net capital required (greater of \$100,000 or 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness)	\$ 100,000	
Net capital in excess of minimum requirement	\$ 1,542,276	
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	0.14 to 1	

Note: There were no material differences between the above computation and that included in the Company's corresponding unaudited Form X-17A-5 Part IIA filing.



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## Report of Independent Auditors on Internal Control

To the Member of Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Ruane, Cunniff & Goldfarb LLC (the "Company") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of compliance with such practices and procedures, that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g), in making the following:

- The periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11);
   and
- 2. Determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3.

Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- Making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13;
- Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and
- Obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by Rule 15c3-3;

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph, and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-

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mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of internal control to future periods is subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first, second, and third paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2006 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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February 9, 2007

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